

Remarks

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are pending in the above-referenced case; claim 4 has been canceled and claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Applicants appreciate that the Examiner has allowed claim 3.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner does not agree that the entries in Table 4 provide sufficient support for the amendments made in the previous response and was concerned that an upper limit was not provided. Although Applicants respectfully disagree, Applicants have amended Claim 1 so that a weight average molecular weight range of 26, 900 to 25,300,000 is now claimed. As shown by Tables 4 and 6, silicone resins having a weight average molecular weight within this range and the specific siloxane units claimed provide a combination of properties which the individual resins do not possess.

Further, the Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Oda et al and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Butler, US5,110,890. Applicants have now canceled claim 4 and therefore request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Due to the reasons described above, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-3 and 5-10 be allowed to issue.

Although the Applicants believe in good faith that only a two month extension of time is needed for this reply, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

Respectfully Submitted,

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